

# Saint Andrew Greek Orthodox Church

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## Sunday, December 12, 2021

Saints and Feasts:

- ♦ Spyridon the Wonderworker
- ♦ Peter the Aleut

This parable ... proclaims beforehand both the casting out of the Jews, and the calling of the Gentiles; and it indicates together with this also the strictness of the life required, and how great the punishment appointed for the careless ....

And when were they bidden? By all the prophets; by John again; for unto Christ he would pass all on, saying, "He must increase, I must decrease;" by the Son Himself again, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you;" and again, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink."

St. John Chrysostom  
*Homily 69 on Matthew 22, 4th Century*



As a service to our parishioners who are unable to physically attend Divine Services at St. Andrew, a Live Stream of the Services can be found on the Church Facebook and YouTube Page.

**MEMORIALS:**      **6 months Kostas Papastratakos**  
                         **1 year Demetra Sakerllaris**

**TRISAGIONS:**      **Gus Kazantzis**

*Coffee Hour is being sponsored by the family of Demetra Sakellaris*

## WELCOME to our Parish!

If you are visiting our parish, we welcome you! We would love to get to know you . Please introduce yourself to one of our parish council members or ushers, visit our website or contact the church office to find out more about our parish. God-willing we will see you again soon!

### Communion Guidelines:

As a reminder, only Baptized and Chrismated Orthodox Christians may receive Holy Communion. Follow the Ushers row by row.

## Spyridon the Wonderworker of Trymithous



Spyridon, the God-bearing Father of the Church, the great defender of Corfu and the boast of all the Orthodox, had Cyprus as his homeland. He was simple in manner and humble of heart, and was a shepherd of sheep. When he was joined to a wife, he begat of her a daughter whom they named Irene. After his wife's departure from this life, he was appointed Bishop of Trimythous, and thus he became also a shepherd of rational sheep. When the First Ecumenical Council was assembled in Nicaea, he also was present, and by means of his most simple words stopped the mouths of the Arians who were wise in their own conceit. By the divine grace which dwelt in him, he wrought such great wonders that he received the surname 'Wonderworker.' So it is that, having tended his flock piously and in a manner pleasing to God, he reposed in the Lord about the year 350, leaving to his country his sacred relics as a consolation and source of healing for the faithful.

About the middle of the seventh century, because of the incursions made by the barbarians at that time, his sacred relics were taken to Constantinople, where they remained, being honoured by the emperors themselves. But before the fall of Constantinople, which took place on May 29, 1453, a certain priest named George Kalokhairites, the parish priest of the church where the Saint's sacred relics, as well as those of Saint Theodora the

Empress, were kept, took them away on account of the impending peril. Travelling by way of Serbia, he came as far as Arta in Epirus, a region in Western Greece opposite to the isle of Corfu. From there, while the misfortunes of the Christian people were increasing with every day, he passed over to Corfu about the year 1460. The relics of Saint Theodora were given to the people of Corfu; but those of Saint Spyridon remain to this day, according to the rights of inheritance, the most precious treasure of the priest's own descendants, and they continue to be a staff for the faithful in Orthodoxy, and a supernatural wonder for those that behold him; for even after the passage of 1,500 years, they have remained incorrupt, and even the flexibility of his flesh has been preserved. Truly wondrous is God in His Saints! (Ps. 67:3 5)

## Upcoming Festal Liturgies

9:00 a.m. Orthros 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

### December

15: St. Eleutherios the Hieromartyr and his Mother St. Anthea

17: St. Dionysios of Zakynthos

20: St. Ignatios the Godbearer

27: St. Stephen the Protomartyr

# Hymns of the Day After the Small Entrance

## **Resurrectional Apolytikion** In the 4th Tone

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and condescended to be buried for three days, so that from the passions You might set us free. Our life and resurrection, O Lord, glory be to You.

## **Apolytikion for 11th Sunday of Luke** in the 2nd Tone

By faith didst Thou justify the Forefathers, when through them Thou didst betroth Thyself aforetime to the Church from among the nations. The Saints boast in glory that from their seed there is a glorious fruit, even she that bare Thee seedlessly. By their prayers, O Christ God, save our souls.

## **Apolytikion for Spyridon the Wonderworker** in the 1st Tone

Thou wast shown forth as a champion of the First Council and a wonderworker, O Spyridon, our God-bearing Father. Wherefore, thou didst speak unto one dead in the grave, and didst change a serpent to gold. And while chanting thy holy prayers, thou hadst Angels serving with thee, O most sacred one. Glory to Him that hath glorified thee. Glory to Him that hath crowned thee. Glory to Him that worketh healings for all through thee.

## **Apolytikion for the Church** 1<sup>st</sup> Tone

As the first called of the Apostles and brother of Peter the Preeminent, O Andrew intercede with the Master of all to grant peace to the whole world, and great mercy to our souls.

## **Kontakion** 3rd Tone

On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to \* God the Word ineffably, \* Who was before all the ages. \* Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing \* the gladsome tidings; \* with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him \* Who is willing to be gazed on \* as a young Child Who \* before the ages is God.

## **Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον** Ἦχος δ'

Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες ὁ εὐσπλαγχνος, ταφήν καταδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσης τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

## **Ἀπολυτίκιον** Ἦχος β'

Ἐν πίστει τοὺς Προπάτορας ἐδικαίωσας, τὴν ἐξ Ἐθνῶν δι' αὐτῶν προμνηστευσάμενος Ἐκκλησίαν. Καυχῶνται ἐν δόξῃ οἱ Ἅγιοι, οἱ ἐκ σπέρματος αὐτῶν, ὑπάρχει καρπὸς εὐκλεῆς, ἡ ἀσπόρως τεκοῦσά σε. Ταῖς αὐτῶν ἱκεσίαις, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, σῶσον τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

## **Ἀπολυτίκιον Σπυρίδωνος Θαυματουργοῦ** Ἦχος α'

Τῆς Συνόδου τῆς πρώτης ἀνεδείχθης ὑπέρμαχος, καὶ θαυματουργὸς θεοφόρε, Σπυρίδων Πατὴρ ἡμῶν, διὸ νεκρὰ σὺ ἐν τάφῳ προσφωνεῖς, καὶ ὄφιν εἷς χρυσοῦν μετέβαλες, καὶ ἐν τῷ μέλπειν τὰς ἀγίας σου εὐχάς, Ἀγγέλους ἔσχες συλλειτουργοῦντάς σοι Ἱερώτατε, Δόξα τῷ σέ δοξάσαντι, δόξα τῷ σέ στεφανώσαντι, δόξα τῷ ἐνεργοῦντι διὰ σοῦ πάνιν ἰάματα.

## **Ἀπολυτίκιον τοῦ Ναοῦ** Ἦχος α'

Ὡς τῶν Ἀποστόλων Πρωτόκλητος, καὶ τοῦ Κορυφαίου αὐτάδελφος, τὸν Δεσπότην τῶν ὅλων Ἀνδρέα ἱκέτευε, εἰρήνην τῇ οἰκουμένῃ δωρήσασθαι, καὶ ταῖς ψυχαῖς ἡμῶν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος

## **Κοντάκιον** Ἦχος γ'

Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, τὸν Προαιώνιον Λόγον, ἐν Σπηλαίῳ ἔρχεται, ἀποτεκεῖν ἀπορρήτως. Χόρευε ἡ οἰκουμένη ἀκουτισθεῖσα, δόξασον μετὰ Ἀγγέλων καὶ τῶν Ποιμένων, βουλευθέντα ἐποφθῆναι, παιδίον νέον, τὸν πρὸ αἰώνων Θεόν.



## Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ / THE EPISTLE

**The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 5:8-19**

**Πρὸς Ἐφεσίους 5:8-19 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα**

Brethren, walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.

Ἀδελφοί, ὡς τέκνα φωτὸς περιπατεῖτε - ὁ γὰρ καρπὸς τοῦ πνεύματος ἐν πάσῃ ἀγαθωσύνῃ καὶ δικαιοσύνῃ καὶ ἀληθείᾳ - δοκιμάζοντες τί ἐστὶν εὐάρεστον τῷ κυρίῳ· καὶ μὴ συγκοινωνεῖτε τοῖς ἔργοις τοῖς ἀκάρποις τοῦ σκότους, μᾶλλον δὲ καὶ ἐλέγχετε· τὰ γὰρ κρυφῇ γινόμενα ὑπ' αὐτῶν αἰσχρόν ἐστιν καὶ λέγειν. Τὰ δὲ πάντα ἐλεγχόμενα ὑπὸ τοῦ φωτὸς φανεροῦνται· πᾶν γὰρ τὸ φανερούμενον φῶς ἐστίν. Διὸ λέγει, Ἐγείρε ὁ καθεύδων καὶ ἀνάστα ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, καὶ ἐπιφαύσει σοι ὁ Χριστός. Βλέπετε οὖν πῶς ἀκριβῶς περιπατεῖτε, μὴ ὡς ἄσοφοι, ἀλλ' ὡς σοφοί, ἐξαγοραζόμενοι τὸν καιρὸν, ὅτι αἱ ἡμέραι πονηραὶ εἰσιν. Διὰ τοῦτο μὴ γίνεσθε ἄφρονες, ἀλλὰ συνιέντες τί τὸ θέλημα τοῦ κυρίου. Καὶ μὴ μεθύσκεσθε οἴνῳ, ἐν ᾧ ἐστὶν ἄσωτία, ἀλλὰ πληροῦσθε ἐν πνεύματι, λαλοῦντες ἑαυτοῖς ψαλμοῖς καὶ ὕμνοις καὶ ᾠδαῖς πνευματικαῖς, ᾄδοντες καὶ ψάλλοντες ἐν τῇ καρδίᾳ ὑμῶν τῷ κυρίῳ.





## ΤΟ ΘΕΙΟΝ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ / THE HOLY GOSPEL

### The Gospel According to Luke 14:16-24

The Lord said this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time of the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I must go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and there is still room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet. For many are called, but few are chosen.'"

### Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 14:16-24 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἄνθρωπός τις ἐποίησε δεῖπνον μέγα καὶ ἐκάλεσε πολλούς· καὶ ἀπέστειλε τὸν δοῦλον αὐτοῦ τῇ ὥρᾳ τοῦ δείπνου εἰπεῖν τοῖς κεκλημένοις· ἔρχεσθε, ὅτι ἤδη ἔτοιμά ἐστι πάντα. καὶ ἤρξαντο ἀπὸ μιᾶς παραιτεῖσθαι πάντες. ὁ πρῶτος εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἄγρὸν ἠγόρασα, καὶ ἔχω ἀνάγκην ἐξελθεῖν καὶ ἰδεῖν αὐτόν· ἐρωτῶ σε, ἔχε με παρητημένον. καὶ ἕτερος εἶπε· ζεύγη βοῶν ἠγόρασα πέντε, καὶ πορεύομαι δοκιμάσαι αὐτά· ἐρωτῶ σε, ἔχε με παρητημένον. καὶ ἕτερος εἶπε· γυναῖκα ἔγημα, καὶ διὰ τοῦτο οὐ δύναμαι ἐλθεῖν. καὶ παραγενόμενος ὁ δοῦλος ἐκεῖνος ἀπήγγειλε τῷ κυρίῳ αὐτοῦ ταῦτα. τότε ὀργισθεὶς ὁ οἰκοδεσπότης εἶπε τῷ δούλῳ αὐτοῦ· ἔξελθε ταχέως εἰς τὰς πλατείας καὶ ῥύμας τῆς πόλεως, καὶ τοὺς πτωχοὺς καὶ ἀναπήρους καὶ χωλοὺς καὶ τυφλοὺς εἰσάγαγε ὧδε. καὶ εἶπεν ὁ δοῦλος· κύριε, γέγονεν ὡς ἐπέταξας, καὶ ἔτι τόπος ἐστί. καὶ εἶπεν ὁ κύριος πρὸς τὸν δοῦλον· ἔξελθε εἰς τὰς ὁδοὺς καὶ φραγμοὺς καὶ ἀνάγκασον εἰσελθεῖν, ἵνα γεμισθῇ ὁ οἶκος μου. λέγω γὰρ ὑμῖν ὅτι οὐδεὶς τῶν ἀνδρῶν ἐκείνων τῶν κεκλημένων γεύσεται μου τοῦ δείπνου. Πολλοὶ γὰρ εἰσιν κλητοί, ὀλίγοι δέ



IN PREPARATION FOR THE GREAT FEAST OF  
THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD, THE PARISHES  
OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO WILL CELEBRATE

## FORTY LITURGIES

FOR THE HEALTH OF OUR LOVED ONES AND  
FOR THE REPOSE OF THOSE WHO HAVE  
FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD

THE DIVINE LITURGY WILL BE CELEBRATED EVERY DAY 9:30 AM-10:30 AM  
ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:  
PLEASE NOTE THAT FOR SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS, AS WELL AS THE FEASTS OF SAINTS  
AND CHRISTMAS EVE, PLEASE CONSULT YOUR PARISH CALENDAR

**ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL**  
NOVEMBER 15-19, 2021

**ST. GEORGE**  
DECEMBER 6-10, 2021

**ASSUMPTION**  
NOVEMBER 22-26, 2021

**ST. BASIL**  
DECEMBER 13-17, 2021

**ST. ANDREW**  
NOVEMBER 29 - DECEMBER 3, 2021

**ST. DEMETRIOS**  
DECEMBER 20-23, 2021

**HOLY TRINITY**  
NOVEMBER 20, 27 DECEMBER 4, 11, 18



METROPOLIS  
OF CHICAGO

## Save the Date

Metropolis of Chicago

## Christmas Open House at the Carlisle

Sunday, December 12, 2021  
3 pm - 7 pm

*Light appetizers and  
refreshments will be served*

**THE CARLISLE**

435 E. BUTTERFIELD RD.  
LOMBARD, IL 60148

St. Andrew's Women's Philoptochos  
Parish and Sunday School

## CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

Let's bring some cheer to a child in the hospital during  
the Christmas season.  
Bring an unwrapped gift in the original packaging

NOVEMBER 21 - DECEMBER 12

PLEASE BE GENEROUS

Gifts will be given  
to  
**UHealth  
Children's Hospital  
University of Illinois**

### INFANT

Teething Toys  
Rattles/Shakers  
Blocks  
Musical Toys  
Stuffed Animals  
Light-Up Toys

### TODDLER & PRESCHOOL

Barbie and baby dolls  
Play dough  
Plastic animal/dinosaurs  
Trucks, trains, cars  
Doctor/Kitchen toys

### SCHOOL AGE

Superhero  
Action figures  
Legs/pucks  
Hot wheels  
Craft kits  
Beads/bracelet kits

### TEENS YOUNG ADULTS

Journals  
Sketch books  
Beauty supplies  
Nailcare/makeup kits  
Lotions  
Uno cards  
Deck of cards

### ALL AGES

Puzzles  
Coloring Books  
Markers  
Crayons  
Colored Pencils  
Paints  
Character Band-aids

For more information contact [voinnie@karafotas.com](mailto:voinnie@karafotas.com) or 708-280-6537

If you would like to make a donation please make your check out to:  
SAWPS and write Toy Drive and mail or leave at the church office Attn: Vonnice, or  
visit the website to 'Support our Parish' and click on Philoptochos.

Please leave gifts in the hallway of the S.J. Gregory Auditorium. Deadline is Sunday Dec 12

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE ST. ANDREW'S WOMEN'S PHILOPTOCHOS

## St. Andrew's Women's Philoptochos Society Christmas Food Drive

Benefiting CARE FOR REAL, the local food pantry in our Edgewater community.

November 28 - December 12, 2021



The food pantry kindly requests:

Spaghetti  
Tuna - ready to eat in a box  
Pork & Beans, Baked Beans - Vegetarian, Country Style, etc.  
Chef Boyardee - Spaghetti & Meatballs, Chicken & Rice, Ratatouille, etc.  
Pasta with Cheese (individually packaged)  
Protein Bars (ONLY)  
Jello, Pudding, Peaches, etc. (individual servings)  
(Please make sure items have **ZIP TOP LIDS ONLY** and have **NOT EXPIRED**)

Donations will also be accepted.

Make checks payable to SAWPS, write 'Food Drive' in memo  
and mail/leave in church office Attn: Vonnice.

Or, to pay online, go to the website to 'Support our Parish'  
and **CLICK** on Philoptochos.

Please put your items in the baskets located in the hallway of the auditorium.  
For information, contact Vonnice Karafotas at 708-280-6537.





## St. Andrew's Greek Orthodox Church

*cordially requests the honor of your presence  
on the occasion of its*

### *Ninety-Fifth Anniversary in the Service of the Lord*

*Sunday, the Twenty-sixth Day of December  
Two Thousand Twenty-one*

*Fountain Blue Banquets  
2300 North Mannheim Road  
Des Plaines, Illinois*

*Cocktails will begin at six o'clock in the evening  
Dinner will be served at seven o'clock in the evening  
Dancing to follow*

*Proceeds to benefit Stained Glass Restoration Fund and redecorating of the main church  
Black Tie Invited*

#### 95<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY SPONSORSHIP FORM







Return to: St. Andrew Greek Orthodox  
Attn: Marilyn Tzakis  
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Chicago, IL 60660

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Archangel Michael	Saint Andrew The First Called	The Virgin Mary	Christ our Lord	John the Baptist	Archangel Gabriel
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Net proceeds and sponsorship gifts from this special 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary gala will directly support the beautification of our precious Church!

☐ Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### DONOR RECOGNITION

☐ - Please list my/ our recognition as  
*Please print clearly*

☐ - I/We wish to remain anonymous

☐ - Enclosed is my check made payable to

**St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church** in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ - I/We wish to pay by credit card. Please contact the church office at (773) 334-4515 to make a credit card payment

*Full payments must be received by the December 12, 2021, in order to be included by the program book deadline*



## Christmas Liturgical Schedule



### Sunday, December 12

#### *Christmas Pageant*

*Metropolis of Chicago  
Open House  
at The Carlisle Banquets*

Open House 3:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

### Κυριακή, Δεκεμβρίου 12

#### *Χριστουγεννιάτικο Πρόγραμμα*

*Open House της  
Ι. Μητροπόλεως Σικάγου  
at The Carlisle Banquets*

Open House 3:00 μ.μ.—7:00 μ.μ..

### Friday, December 24

#### *Royal Hours of Christmas*

Hours 9:00 a.m.

#### *Christmas Eve*

Vespers Divine Liturgy 7:00 p.m.



### Παρασκευή, Δεκεμβρίου 24

#### *Μεγάλες Ώρες Χριστουγέννων*

Ώρες 9:00 π.μ.

#### *Παραμονή Χριστουγέννων*

Θεία Λειτουργία 7:00 μ.μ.



### Saturday, December 25

#### *Christmas Day*

Orthros & Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

#### *Christ is born! Glorify Him!*



### Σάββατο, Δεκεμβρίου 25

#### *Γέννησις του Ιησού Χριστού*

Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία 9:00 π.μ.

#### *Χριστός Γεννάται! Δοξάσατε!*



### Friday, December 31

*Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord and Savior and St. Basil the Great*

Hierarchical Great Vespers at St. Basil  
Chicago 7:00 p.m.

### Παρασκευή, Δεκεμβρίου 31

*Περίτομή Ιησού Χριστού και Μέγας Βασίλειος*

Ιεραρχικός Εσπερινός στην Ι.Ν. Αγίου  
Βασιλείου 7:00 μ.μ.



## Saturday, January 1

*Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord and Savior and St. Basil the Great,*

Orthros & Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.



## Σάββατο, Ιανουαρίου 1

*Περίτομή Ιησού Χριστού και Μέγας Βασίλειος*

Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία 9:00 π.μ.



## Wednesday, January 5–

*Royal Hours of Theophany -*

Hours 7:30 a.m.

*Eve of Theophany*

Vesperal Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

*Great Blessing of Waters*

## Τετάρτη, Ιανουαρίου 5

*Μεγάλες Ώρες Θεοφανείων*

Ώρες 7:30 π.μ.

*Παραμονή Θεοφανείων*

Θεία Λειτουργία 7:00 μ.μ.

## Thursday, January 6

*Theophany*

Orthros & Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

*Great Blessing of Waters*



## Πέμπτη, Ιανουαρίου 6

*Θεοφάνεια*

Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία 9:00 π.μ.



## Friday, January 7

*Synaxis of the Forerunner*

Orthros & Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

## Παρασκευή, Ιανουαρίου 7

*Σύναξη του Τιμίου Προδρόμου*

Όρθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία 9:00 π.μ.

## From the Pew—Testimonials

### GROWING UP AT ST. ANDREW'S

Whenever I look up at the image of Christ, the Pantocrator, I'm reminded of myself as a 6-year old also looking up first at my parents, and then at the same image. The image at St. Andrew's has never changed, no matter how many priests and parishoners come and go, and the image still reminds me of the awe I feel in its presence. To me, the Church represents the awe we all feel when we approach for communion, something we do or should do together in the family of Christ, always in His presence.

Michael G. Davros



# Calendar for the Week Ahead

<b>Tuesday, December 14:</b>	11:00 AM - 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM -	Morning Bible Study Paraklisis Service Blessed Darkness with Fr. Dimitri
<b>Wednesday, December 15:</b>	9:00 AM - 8:00 PM -	Orthros and Divine Liturgy for St. Eleftherios the Hieromartyr Orthodox Study Group with Fr. Simeon
<b>Friday, December 17:</b>	9:00 AM -	Orthros and Divine Liturgy for St. Dionysios of Zakynthos
<b>Sunday, December 19:</b>	8:00 AM -	Orthros and Divine Liturgy

## Parish News and Events

### **Stewardship - Have You Become A Steward for 2021?**

If not, know that everything we have is God's and we are just managers during this brief life. Become a steward today. "He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God" (2 Cor. 9:10-11).

**JOIN FR. DIMITRI AND FR. SIMEON IN THE ALTAR! CALLING ALL YOUNG MEN** - If you would like to serve in the Holy Altar, please contact Fr. Dimitri. Age minimum (6 years old so long as able to read the Creed). No age maximum (college aged and above are welcome to serve and guide our young boys in the Altar).

**COVID-19 PROTOCOLS:** Wearing masks that completely cover the nose and mouth is required of everyone on the St Andrew Church campus, regardless of vaccination status. Anyone not vaccinated against COVID-19 is also required to practice social distancing. We are not checking vaccination status, but anyone coming on site certifies by doing so that (a) they do not currently have COVID-19; (b) they are not experiencing COVID symptoms; (c) they have no reason to

quarantine; and (d) they will practice social distancing if they are not vaccinated against COVID-19. Wearing mask protects you and others.

**Christmas Toy Drive** – Last few days to donate toys! SAWPS will be collecting toys for the children receiving treatment at UIC Pediatrics this Christmas until **December 12th**. If you would like to donate a toy, please leave it on the tables in the foyer outside of the gym.

**Christmas Food Drive** – Last few days to donate food items for the local food pantry! SAWPS is collecting food items until **December 12th**. Please leave your items on the tables in the foyer outside of the gym. Every food item feeds someone in need!

If you read about one of our initiatives, events, service or plans that spark your interest, please go to the St. Andrew's website, under outreach ministries, Philoptochos, for more information on these events and how to join us. It is always fun being together in the service of the Lord!



# St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 9:30 am 40 Day Liturgy Parish Council Meeting 8:00 pm Orthodox Study Group with Fr. Simeon	<b>2</b> 9:30 am 40 Day Liturgy GOAL BASKETBALL PRACTICE 6:30 pm	<b>3</b> 9:30 am 40 Day Liturgy	<b>4</b> 9:00 am Orthros & Divine Liturgy for St. Barbara the Great Martyr & St. John of Damascus GOAL Basketball - Holy Apostles @ St. Andrew
<b>5</b> Coffee & Culture Sunday School Testimonial #2 8:00 am Sunday Orthros & Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm Hierarchal Great Vespers for St. Nicholas in Oak Lawn	<b>6</b> 9:00 am Orthros & Divine Liturgy for St. Nicholas	<b>7</b> 6:30 pm SAWPS Dinner Outing - Place TBD	<b>8</b> 6:00 pm OCF - Paraklisis and Discussion 8:00 pm Orthodox Study Group with Fr. Simeon	<b>9</b> 9:00 am Orthros & Divine Liturgy for the Con- ception of the Theotokos 6:30 pm GOAL BASKETBALL PRACTICE	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7:00 pm Nativity Pageant Rehearsal Hierarchal Great Vespers for St. Spyridon in Palos Heights
<b>12</b> 8:00 am Nativity Pageant Sunday Orthros & Divine Liturgy 1:30 pm GOAL Basketball - St. Andrew @ SS. Constantine & Helen Metropolis of Chicago 3:00 pm Christmas Open House	<b>13</b> 7:00 pm Bible Study	<b>14</b> 11:00 am Morning Bible Study 5:30 pm Paraklisis Services 6:30 pm Blessed Darkness Adult Education	<b>15</b> 9:00 am Orthros & Divine Liturgy for St. Eleutherios the Hieromartyr 8:00 pm Orthodox Study Group with Fr. Simeon	<b>16</b> 6:30 pm GOAL BASKETBALL PRACTICE	<b>17</b> 9:00 am Orthros & Divine Liturgy for St. Dionysios of Zakynthos	<b>18</b> 1:30 pm GOAL Basketball - SS. Peter & Paul @ St. Andrew
<b>19</b> 8:00 am Testimonial #3 Sunday Orthros & Divine Liturgy	<b>20</b> 9:00 am Orthros & Divine Liturgy for St. Ignatios the Godbearer 7:00 pm Bible Study	<b>21</b> 11:00 am Morning Bible Study 5:30 pm Paraklisis Services 6:30 pm Blessed Darkness Adult Education	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 6:30 pm GOAL BASKETBALL PRACTICE	<b>24</b> 9:00 am Royal Hours for Christmas 7:00 pm Vespers for Christmas Eve	<b>25</b> 9:00 am Orthros & Divine Liturgy for Christmas
<b>26</b> 8:00 am Testimonial #4 Sunday Orthros & Divine Liturgy	<b>27</b> 9:00 am Orthros & Divine Liturgy for St. Stephen the Protomartyr 7:00 pm Bible Study	<b>28</b> 11:00 am Morning Bible Study 5:30 pm Paraklisis Services 6:30 pm Blessed Darkness Adult Education	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 6:30 pm GOAL BASKETBALL PRACTICE	<b>31</b> 7:00 pm Hierarchal Great Vespers for St. Basil the Great in Chicago	